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Joseph Joshua Santiago Found Guilty of 2nd Degree Murder

Rochester, NY- At approximately 12:30pm today , a Monroe County jury found 28 year old Joseph Joshua Santiago guilty of the 2012 shooting death of twenty year old Migel DeJesus in the City of Rochester. On June 7th of that year, Santiago shot DeJesus two times on Wilkins Street before fleeing the scene. Minutes after the shooting, officers of the Rochester Police Department located the defendant a short distance away hiding in a residential back yard with a handgun hidden close by. Ballistic tests conducted by the Monroe County Crime Lab later proved that the weapon hidden near Santiago was the one used to shoot DeJesus, who died after being transported to Strong Memorial Hospital.

Today's verdict, which resulted in Santiago being found guilty of Murder in the 2nd Degree as well as two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, came after a 7 day trial before Judge Francis A. Affronti. Bureau Chief Sara VanStrydonck and Senior Assistant District Attorney Michael Dollinger prosecuted the case for the people.

"The capture and conviction of Joseph Santiago was the result of excellent police and investigative work, and I'd like to thank those officers on behalf of the community," said VanStrydonck. "They overcame a lack of cooperation from several probable witnesses to help us achieve this conviction, demonstrating their professionalism and highlighting the fact that we and our partners in law enforcement still have much work to do in building bridges into the community that we serve."

Joseph Santiago remains held in Monroe County Jail awaiting sentencing on September 24th at 9:30am, where he faces up to 25 Years to Life in prison.

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